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Directorate of Intelligence
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Cyprus Situation
(As of 8:00 AM EST)

1. There has been no break in the Vance mission. Mr. Vance met for two hours with Turkish Foreign Minister Caglayangil early this morning to discuss the latest Greek counterproposals. No information has arrived as to the results of the talks. After the talks the foreign minister apparently briefed Prime Minister Demirel.



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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Cyprus Situation
(As of 4:00 PM EST)

1. There is no word yet of the Turkish government's reaction to the proposals carried to Ankara this morning by Presidential Envoy Vance. The government-operated Ankara radio today issued a measured, calm statement which reaffirmed Turkey's intention of protecting its kinsmen in Cyprus but also asserted that Turkey has no intention of attacking anyone and wants to keep the door to a settlement ajar.

2. In northern Greece, airports, power stations, and other vital installations have been blacked out tonight. In Athens, a Foreign Ministry spokesman reportedly stated that the situation was still "critical and delicate".

3. Tension has apparently relaxed somewhat on Cyprus, but both the Greek and Turkish elements of the population remain fearful that a confrontation will occur. Bombing incidents are continuing, and rumors are now circulating that UN personnel, possibly in the pay of the Turks, are carrying on the terrorism. Some Greek military personnel reportedly are insisting that there is no cause for concern, explaining their somewhat unrealistic view with "if the Israelis faced so many Arabs successfully, we can repel the Turks." Others, however, have been sending their wives back to Athens. The Cypriot press is maintaining an air of bravado which the American Embassy in Nicosia reports is distinctly at odds with the general atmosphere of tension in the capital. The press' failure to reflect the extent of the danger posed by the Turkish threat corresponds with the unrealistic outlook held by some leading circles in Nicosia.

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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Supplement to The Cyprus Situation
(As of 12:00 Noon EST)

1. Presidential Envoy Vance met with Greek Foreign Minister Pipinelis on 26 November after a meeting of the Greek Cabinet. Pipinelis presented a revised draft, which includes a reference to "ultimate complete demilitarization" of Cyprus. The draft also suggests that Greece will recall "one battalion forthwith," and that "parallel to" this withdrawal, the Turkish government will recall its measures of preparedness. Vance pointed out that the Turkish government is not likely to accept this draft.

2. Vance suggested that he present his own compromise draft to the Turks instead. Pipinelis agreed that he could do so, but only if the Turks first rejected the Greek version. If the Turks agree to the Vance compromise, Pipinelis agreed to support it in the Greek cabinet.

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The Cyprus Situation
(As of 12:00 Noon EST)

1. Presidential Envoy Vance presented the latest Greek proposals to Turkish officials this morning. Prime Minister Demirel subsequently called a meeting of the cabinet to consider the proposals. Vance has reportedly been holding discussions with NATO Secretary-General Brosio.

2. Demirel held a meeting today with Ismet Inonu, leader of the opposition Republican Peoples Party and plans meetings later today with leaders of other parties. After the meeting, Inonu was asked by journalists if the situation looked better, and he responded that "that is the way it would seem." Demirel is apparently lining up political support in case a peaceful solution is achieved.

3. The Greek government continues to detain a ship at Piraeus, loaded with MAP equipment intended for Turkey. The US has protested the detention, and the Turkish government intends to file a protest today.

4. Athens is still calm, and the Greek military headquarters has reverted to normal working hours rather than opening before dawn as they did last week. A group of former parliamentary politicians reportedly feel that the crisis may well spell doom for the junta. These former parliamentarians feel that agreement from Athens to withdraw Greek forces from Cyprus in the face of Turkish threats will be a damaging humiliation for the junta, and that escalation to war, followed by an almost certain Greek military defeat, would probably lead to the fall of the present regime.

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